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STATEMENT OF DANNY JOE LOTT

Today's date is May 29, 1997. The time is 4:24 P. M. The following is a voluntary statement from DANNY JOE LOTT. The location is the District Attorney's Office in Winona, Mississippi. This statement is given to myself, John Johnson, Investigator with the District Attorney's Office.

Johnson: Mr. LOTT, I want to direct your attention back to July 16, 1996, the day the people were killed at Tardy Furniture Store in Winona, Mississippi. Do you remember that day?

LOTT: Not exactly the date.

Johnson: But you remember the day that the people were killed?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: On the day these people were killed, in the morning hours, did you see Curtis Flowers?

LOTT: Yes, Sir. I saw him standing at the old liquor by Jeff's Store.

Johnson: You are talking about at Highway 51 and Silver Street is where Jeff's store is located, is that correct?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: When you first saw Curtis Flowers, was he walking from what direction going which way?

LOTT: He was coming west.

Johnson: You were standing in front of Mrs. Zetta Murph's house you indicated and he was going west?

LOTT: West

Johnson: West? Toward Greenwood?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: When you saw him, how close was he to Highway 51?

LOTT: He wasn't too far off of Highway 51 when I first saw him.

Johnson: A few feet? A few Yards?

LOTT: A few feet.

Johnson: So he was walking in a westwardly direction along Silver Street. From the location that you saw him front of Mrs. Murph's, did he ever walk toward Jeff Kelly's store?

LOTT: No, Sir. I did not see him walk toward Jeff Kelly's store.

Johnson: If he had, would you have seen him?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: Alright. You saw him walking west and then you indicated that you saw him in front of the old liquor store, the one that is on Silver Street that is closed now. Nothing is in that building at this time is there?

LOTT: No, Sir.

Johnson: On that day, tell me what he did then.

LOTT: He just stopped and (inaudible) for me and asked me to go in the store for him to get him some Top papers because he did not want his father to see him buying no Top papers. I told him, "Well, if you buy me a beer, I will go in there for you." He said, "O.K." So he gave me the dollar to go in there to get the Top papers. I brought them back to him and then he gave me Five Dollars to get me a 6-pack to drink. Then he left with his Top papers and kept walking down Silver Street west.

Johnson: Did he indicate what he was going to do with these papers?

LOTT: No, Sir.

Johnson: But he was concerned about his father knowing that he had them.. Is that correct?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: Did you notice what Curtis Flowers was wearing that day?

LOTT: He had on some shorts and that is about far as I can remember.

Johnson: Do you remember what color they were?

LOTT: No, Sir.

Johnson: Did you notice what kind of shoes he had on?

LOTT: No, Sir. I can't remember what kind of shoes he had on.

Johnson: Back during this time and before these murders, did you ever know him to wear Grant Hill, Fila tennis shoes?

LOTT: No, Sir, because I never hung out with him.

Johnson: Was anything else said between you and Curtis Flowers on that day?

LOTT: That was it.

Johnson: Was anybody else with him that day?

LOTT: He was by hisself.

Johnson: Was he sweaty or relaxed or did you notice that?

LOTT: He was relaxed.

Johnson: Was he sweating? It was July 16. It was hot.

LOTT: I did not see him sweating?

Johnson: You were sitting there at Mrs. Murph's or standing in front of Mrs. Murph's. Do you know what time it was when he came through there.

LOTT: As far as I know it was probably between 9:30...I don't know exactly the time because I didn't have no watch. It was between 9:30 or maybe 9 or 9:30 or something like that.

Johnson: I think prior to this you indicated that you guessed at that time and I noted that today you are not wearing a watch.

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: You indicated that you were not wearing a watch on July 16.

LOTT: I was not wearing no watch.

Johnson: I think that also you indicated that you saw some people get out of a car and were real upset. Do you remember saying that?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: You also indicated that the weight man had stopped these people?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: And by weight man do you know that officer's name?

LOTT: Not really. I don't know which one it was.

Johnson: Do you know what color uniform he wore?

LOTT: One of them black Ninja suit looking.

Johnson: And these people seem to be extremely upset?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: You indicated in an interview prior to this taping that you assumed that these people were who?

LOTT: Probably Kennedy. It looked like Kennedy Goldman.

Johnson: And they were upset about hearing about the murders? that is what you were indicating. Is that correct?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: And that being the case, you and I would have to assume that this was after the murders. Is that right?

LOTT: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: They would not have been upset before the murders, would they?

LOTT: That is right.

Johnson: That will conclude statement and the time is now 4:31 P. M.

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